

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on November 16, 2007 has been received and carefully considered. The applicant has amended claims 1-4, claims 7-10, claims 14-18 and claim 20, and has cancelled claims 5-6. Claims 1-4, and 7-20 are pending in the application.

Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the remarks contained herein.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 as being indefinite for failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-4 and 7-20 have been amended to correct grammatical errors and to show appropriate antecedent bases. Claims 5-6 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Parker et al. (US patent publication No. 2004/0125789), or Cupal et al. (US patent publication No. 2005/0151833).

Claim 1 recites a video-enabled communication method for an IP phone, where the IP phone connects to a communication terminal (e.g. a video phone) through an external network, and connects to a video processing device through a local area network. The video communication method retrieves the internet address of the video processing device, transmits communication signals (which can be voice signals only, or combined voice and video signals) received from the communication terminal to the IP phone, and broadcasts the voice signals. If video signals are received with voice signals, the claimed communication method transmits the video signals through the local area network to the video processing device, processes and plays the video signals on the video processing device. In the present invention, the IP phone is used for voice

communication, and the video processing device is used to display video communication.

Parker discloses a digital data communication system using video telephony. The digital data communication system includes video processing devices (e.g. a video monitor and a video camera) for video communication, and a voice link, which can be a Voice over IP (VoIP) connection or a telephone call connection (e.g. PSTN), for voice communication. *Cupal* teaches an audio and video communication device, which is configured to provide an integrated video and audio communication.

The present invention is directed to a video-enabled communication method and system, in which the IP phone is used for voice communication, whereas a separate video processing device is used for video communication. The video processing device can be a standalone device with computing resources, such as a laptop computer, or a PDA (personal digital assistant). Therefore, the video-enabled communication can be realized using existing devices in a relatively inexpensive way. In contrast, the video-enabled communication method of *Cupal* is enabled on a device in which a voice processing unit and a video processing unit are integrated, and is designed specifically for video-enabled communication. As indicated in the present specification at page 2, lines 11-15, such a device can be very expensive, and is not generally available.

In *Parker*, the voice communication in the video-enabled communication system can be established using a telephone call connection, whereas the video communication uses a video communication connection through a computer network. Transmitting voice and video communication signals using two different connections has many potential problems including a waste of resources, and the asynchronization of the voice and video signals. Alternatively in *Parker* the voice communication can be established using a VoIP connection. The voice and video communications will again be integrated into a single system, and becomes a computer-to-computer video-enabled communication. Therefore, a computer with video and voice processing devices (e.g. camera, microphone,

etc.), or other devices designed specifically for video-enabled communication, is required. As indicated in the present specification at page 2, lines 8-12 and lines 16-20, such a communication system is not simple, convenient or reasonably priced.

Claims 3, 4 and 10-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(e) as being unpatentable over *Parker* or *Cupal* in view of *Wilk* (US Patent Publication No. 2003/0052962). Claims 6, 7, 16 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(e) as being unpatentable over *Parker* or *Cupal* in view of *Jonsson* (US Patent Publication No. 2002/0146000).

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 10 are allowable over the art of record. Thus, claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 10-20 are deemed clearly to be patentable both for their dependency from claim 1 and claim 10 and the limitations they recite.

Based on the above, it therefore is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 1-4 and claims 7-20, earnestly is solicited.

Should the Examiner consider that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to arrange for such an interview.

No fee is believed due. If any fee is deemed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to our Deposit Account No, 18-0002 and is requested to advise us accordingly.

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